Gateway Arch (NPS)

Memorial Drive between Poplar Street and Eads Bridge

This 630-foot catenary arch is the tallest monument in the United States. Designed by Eero Saarinen in 1947, it was not built until the 1960s. At the time the complicated, yet subtle, design and unique structural system had never been attempted on such a large scale. Towering over downtown Saint Louis and the Mississippi River, the shining stainless steel arch symbolizes the city's role as the Gateway to the West and has become its easily recognized logo. Part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, the arch is open to the public.